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## Binary Knapsack problem

- ILP formulation
- Multidimensional Binary Knapsack problem:
  - ILP formulation
  - Surrogate relaxation
  - Lagrangian relaxation
- Cutting plane approach: cover inequality and separation of cover inequalities
- Facet defining inequalities: lifting (strengthening) procedure for cover inequalities

State the definition  
and explain why it's valid

How can it be solved?

## Set Covering/Packing/Partitioning problems

- ILP formulations

## Assignment problem

we have  $n$  projects and  $n$  persons: which one to who?

- ILP (ideal) formulation
- The matrix of the constraints is TU

## Uncapacitated Facility Location (UFL)

$m$  clients have demand for depots. We can open some depots in  $n$  candidate sites (fixed costs of opening + transport costs).

- MILP formulation
- MILP formulation variant: every depot has limited capacity
- MILP alternative formulation (pag. 4)
- Heuristic for primal bounds: local search methods
- Lagrangian relaxation (pag. 20)

Which is better?  
why?

## Traveling Salesman problem (TSP)

we want to visit exactly once each node (Hamiltonian circuit tour) at min cost

STSP: quale relazione esiste tra i rilassamenti lineari delle due formulazioni?

with a  
direction

- Asymmetric (ATSP): ILP formulation with cut set inequalities
- Asymmetric (ATSP): ILP formulation with subtour elimination inequalities
- Cutting plane approach: separation of cut-set inequalities

undirected

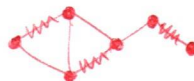
- Symmetric (STSP): ILP formulation with cut set inequalities
- Symmetric (STSP): ILP formulation with subtour elimination inequalities
- Facet defining inequalities: strengthening of subtour elimination inequalities

How many constraints do they have? (ordine di grandezza)

- Lagrangian relaxation based on the 1-tree (recall the definition, explain which ILP formulation we start from and which group of constraints is relaxed)

## Perfect matching problem (PM)

Subset of edges without common nodes but incident to all the nodes:



- ILP (ideal) formulation
- Maximum Matching problem:
  - ILP formulation
  - Chvátal-Gomory inequality

+ explain how we can solve the lagrangian subproblems and the lagrangian dual pb.

### Uncapacitated Lot-Sizing problem (ULS)

Plan the production of a single type of product for the next  $n$  periods?

- MILP formulation
- MILP extended formulation

### Fixed charge network flow problem (FCNF)

determine a feasible flow of minimum cost which satisfies all demand and capacity constraints

- MILP formulation

### Transportation problem

single type of product: determine a transp. plan so as to minimize total transp. costs while satisfying clients demands and all the plant capacity constraints

- ILP formulation
- The matrix of the constraints is TU

### Minimum cost flow problem

determine a feasible flow of minimum total cost satisfying all demands

- ILP formulation
- The matrix of the constraints is TU
- Shortest path and maximum flow are special cases of the min cost flow

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## Methods

- Cutting plane methods
  - Mayer's theorem
  - Valid inequality
    - \* Chvátal-Gomory procedure
    - \* Mixed-integer rounding (MIR) aggregated inequality
    - \* Gomory mixed integer (GMI) inequality
  - Cutting plane and separation problem
  - Cutting plane algorithm
- Branch and Cut: state of art
- Lagrangian relaxation
  - Lagrangian subproblem
  - Lagrangian dual
- Column generation method
  - + describe the method for the 1-D cutting stock problem (CSP)

# DISCRETE OPTIMIZATION

## MILP

$$\min c_1^T x + c_2^T y \quad : \quad \begin{aligned} A_1 x + A_2 y &\geq b \\ x &\geq 0 \text{ integer} \\ y &\geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} A_1 &\in \mathbb{Z}^{m \times n_1}, A_2 \in \mathbb{Z}^{m \times n_2} \\ c_1 &\in \mathbb{Z}^{n_1}, c_2 \in \mathbb{Z}^{n_2} \\ b &\in \mathbb{Z}^m \end{aligned}$$

## ILP

$$\min c^T x \quad : \quad \begin{aligned} Ax &\geq b \\ x &\geq 0 \text{ integer} \end{aligned}$$

← if  $x_i \in \{0,1\} \forall i$  then the problem is an 0-1-ILP

## KNAPSACK PROBLEM (Binary choice)

- $n$  objects
- $\forall i: 1 \leq i \leq n: p_i = \text{profit}, a_i = \text{weight}$
- $b$  capacity

Goal: decide which objects to take to maximize the profit while respecting capacity constr.

ILP formulation:

$$\begin{aligned} \max \quad & \sum_{i=1}^n p_i x_i \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i \leq b \\ & x_i \in \{0,1\} \end{aligned}$$

$$x_i = \begin{cases} 1 & i \text{ selected} \\ 0 & i \text{ not selected} \end{cases} \quad 1 \leq i \leq n$$

## COVERING / PACKING / PARTITIONING PROBLEM (Binary choice)

- $M = \{1, \dots, m\}$  groundset
- $\{M_1, \dots, M_n\}$  collection of subsets indexed by  $N = \{1, \dots, n\}$  ( $M_j \subseteq M \forall j \in N$ )
- $c_j$  cost for  $M_j, j \in N$

Covering goal: find a cover of  $M$  (i.e.  $F \subseteq N: \bigcup_{j \in F} M_j = M$ ) of minimum cost

ILP formulation:

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & \sum_{j=1}^n c_j x_j \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \sum_{j \in N} a_{ij} x_j \geq 1 \quad \forall i \\ & x_j \in \{0,1\} \quad \forall j \end{aligned}$$

$$a_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i \in M_j \\ 0 & \text{if } i \notin M_j \end{cases}$$

$$x_j = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } M_j \text{ is selected} \\ 0 & \text{if } M_j \text{ is not selected} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} = \min \quad & \sum_{j=1}^n c_j x_j \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \boxed{Ax \geq \mathbf{1}} \\ & x \in \{0,1\}^n \end{aligned}$$

each element is covered at least once

Packing goal:  $c_j$  represents the profits. Find a packing of  $M$  (each  $i$  is covered at most 1) that maximizes the profit

ILP formulation:

$$\begin{aligned} \max \quad & \sum_{j=1}^n c_j x_j \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \boxed{Ax \leq \mathbf{1}} \\ & x \in \{0,1\}^n \end{aligned}$$

each element is covered at most once

Partitioning goal: find a partition (each  $i$  is covered exactly 1) that minimize the costs

ILP formulation:

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & \sum_{j=1}^n c_j x_j \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \boxed{Ax = \mathbf{1}} \\ & x \in \{0,1\}^n \end{aligned}$$

each element is covered exactly once



## ASSIGNMENT PROBLEM

(Association between entities)

The LP relaxation is an IDEAL formulation

- $n$  projects,  $n$  persons
- $c_{ij}$  cost for assignment project  $i$  to person  $j$

Goal: decide the combination to minimize costs

LP formulation:

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n c_{ij} x_{ij} \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \sum_{j=1}^n x_{ij} = 1 \quad \forall j \quad (j \in \text{persons}) \\ & \sum_{i=1}^n x_{ij} = 1 \quad \forall i \quad (i \in \text{projects}) \\ & x_{ij} \in \{0,1\} \end{aligned}$$

## UNCAPACITATED FACILITY LOCATION (UFL) (forcing constraints)

- $M = \{1, \dots, m\}$  clients,  $i \in M$
- $N = \{1, \dots, n\}$  candidate sites for depots (deposits),  $j \in N$
- $f_j$  cost for opening a depot in  $j$
- $c_{ij}$  transportation cost if the whole demand of  $i$  is served from  $j$

Goal: decide where to open depots and how to serve clients to min costs

MILP formulation:

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & \sum_{i \in M} \sum_{j \in N} c_{ij} x_{ij} + \sum_{j \in N} f_j y_j \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \sum_{j \in N} x_{ij} = 1 \quad \forall i \in M \\ & \sum_{i \in M} x_{ij} \leq m y_j \quad \forall j \in N \\ & y_j \in \{0,1\} \\ & 0 \leq x_{ij} \leq 1 \end{aligned}$$

$x_{ij}$  = fraction of demand of client  $i$  served by depot  $j$   
 $y_j = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{depot } j \text{ is open} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

ALTERNATIVE formulation:

$$x_{ij} \leq y_j \quad \forall i \in M \quad \forall j \in N$$

(stronger)

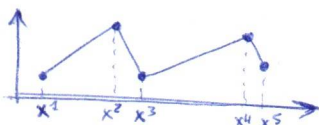
$x_{ij}$  and  $y_j$  are linked:

$$\begin{cases} x_{ij} > 0 \Rightarrow y_j = 1 \\ y_j = 0 \Rightarrow x_{ij} = 0 \end{cases}$$

if:  $d_i$  = demand of  $i$   
 $k_j$  = capacity of  $j$

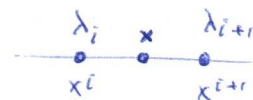
$$\sum_{i \in M} d_i x_{ij} \leq k_j y_j \quad \forall j$$

## PIECEWISE LINEAR COST FUNCTION



$$x = \lambda_i x^i + \lambda_{i+1} x^{i+1}$$

$$y_i = \mathbb{1}_{\{x \in [x^i, x^{i+1}]\}}$$

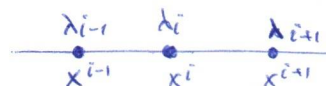


Goal: minimize  $f$  over  $[x^1, x^k]$

MILP formulation:

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i f(x^i) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i = 1 \\ & \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} y_i = 1 \\ & \lambda_1 \leq y_1 \\ & \lambda_k \leq y_{k-1} \\ & \lambda_i \leq y_{i-1} + y_i \\ & \lambda_i \geq 0, y_i \in \{0,1\} \end{aligned}$$

← point belongs to just one subinterval



if  $\lambda_i \neq 0 \Rightarrow$  either we're in  $[x^{i-1}, x^i]$  or in  $[x^i, x^{i+1}] \Rightarrow \lambda_i = y_i + y_{i-1}$

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## ASYMMETRIC TRAVELING SALESMAN PROBLEM (ATSP)

- $G = (V, A)$  complete directed graph,  $n = |V|$  ( $V$  nodes,  $A$  arcs)
- $c_{ij} \in \mathbb{R}$  cost for the arc  $(i, j) \in A$

Goal: determine an Hamiltonian circuit (visit exactly once each node) of minimum cost

ILP formulation (1):

$$\min \sum_{(i,j) \in A} c_{ij} x_{ij}$$

$$\text{s.t. } \sum_{j \in V: j \neq i} x_{ij} = 1 \quad \forall i$$

$$\sum_{i \in V: i \neq j} x_{ij} = 1 \quad \forall j$$

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$$\sum_{(i,j) \in \delta^+(S)} x_{ij} \geq 1 \quad \forall S \subseteq V, S \neq \emptyset$$

$$x_{ij} \in \{0, 1\} \quad \forall (i, j) \in A$$

$$x_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } (i, j) \text{ is included} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

←  $\forall i$  we have 1 outgoing arc

←  $\forall j$  we have 1 incoming arc

**CUT SET INEQUALITIES**

$$\delta^+(S) = \{(i, j) \in A: i \in S, j \notin S\}$$

ILP formulation (2):

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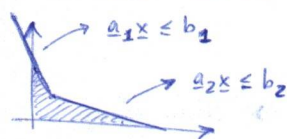
$$\sum_{(i,j) \in E(S)} x_{ij} \leq |S| - 1 \quad \forall S \subseteq V, 2 \leq |S| \leq n-1$$

**SUBTOUR ELIMINATION INEQ.**

IF  $S \neq V$ , the number of arcs fully contained in  $S$  must be strictly smaller than the number of the nodes in  $S$

$$E(S) = \{(i, j) \in A: i \in S, j \in S\}$$

## DISJUNCTIVE CONSTRAINTS



$$\text{either: } \begin{cases} a_1 x \leq b_1 \\ a_2 x \leq b_2 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{s.t. } \underline{0} \leq x \leq \underline{u}$$

MILP formulation:

$$a_i x - b_i \leq M(1 - y_i) \quad i = 1, 2$$

$$y_1 + y_2 = 1$$

$$y_i \in \{0, 1\}$$

$$\underline{0} \leq x \leq \underline{u}$$

$$i = 1, 2$$

$$M \geq \max_{1 \leq i \leq 2} \{a_i x - b_i, \underline{0} \leq x \leq \underline{u}\}$$

$$y_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i \text{ is satisfied} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

## LINEARIZATION OF PRODUCT VARIABLES

- two binary variables:

$$z = y_1 \cdot y_2, \quad y_1, y_2 \in \{0, 1\}, \quad z \in \{0, 1\}:$$

$$z \leq y_1$$

$$z \leq y_2$$

$$z \geq y_1 + y_2 - 1$$

- binary variable · bounded continuous variable

$$z = x \cdot y, \quad x \in [0, u], \quad y \in \{0, 1\}, \quad z \in [0, u]:$$

$$0 \leq z \leq uy$$

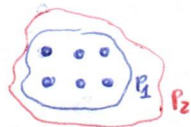
$$z \leq x$$

$$z \geq x - (1 - y)u$$

- A (M)ILP has  $\infty$  formulations.

$P = \{(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1+n_2} : A_1 x + A_2 y \geq b, x \geq 0, y \geq 0\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{n_1+n_2}$  is a formulation for a mixed integer set  $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{n_1} \times \mathbb{Z}^{n_2} \iff X = P \cap (\mathbb{R}^{n_1} \times \mathbb{Z}^{n_2})$

- $P_1, P_2$  formulations for a (M)ILP :  $X$ .  $P_1$  stronger than  $P_2$  if  $P_1 \subset P_2$ .



## SYMMETRIC TSP (STSP)

- $G=(V,E)$  undirected graph
- $c_e$  cost for every  $e=\{i,j\} \in E$

Goal: determine an Hamiltonian cycle

ILP formulation (1):

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & \sum_{e \in E} c_e x_e \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \sum_{e \in \delta(i)} x_e = 2 \quad i \in V \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{e \in \delta(S)} x_e &\geq 2 \quad S \subset V, S \neq \emptyset \\ x_e &\in \{0,1\} \end{aligned}$$

CUT SET INEQ.

$$\delta(S) = \{ \{i,j\} \in E : i \in S, j \in V \setminus S \}$$

ILP formulation (2): (equally strong)

$$\sum_{e \in E(S)} x_e \leq |S| - 1 \quad S \subset V, S \neq \emptyset$$

SUBTOUR ELIMINATION INEQ.

$$E(S) = \{ \{i,j\} \in E : i \in S, j \in S \}$$

- Mayer's theorem:  $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{n_1} \times \mathbb{Z}^{n_2}$  feasible set of a MILP  $\Rightarrow \text{conv}(X)$  is a rational polyhedron and the extreme points of  $\text{conv}(X)$  belong to  $X$ .  
( $\min \{c^T x : x \in X\} = \min \{c^T x : x \in \text{conv}(X)\}$ )

A formulation  $P$  is an ideal formulation for  $X$  if  $P \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{n_1} \times \mathbb{R}^{n_2} : P = \text{conv}(X)$ .  
We look for formulations close to  $\text{conv}(X)$ .

## PERFECT MATCHING PROBLEM (PM)

- $G=(V,E)$  undirected graph,  $n=|V|$
- $c_e$  cost for every  $e=\{i,j\} \in E$

Goal: determine the perfect matching (subset of edges without common nodes but incident to all the nodes) of minimum cost

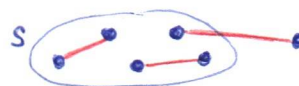
ILP formulation:

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & \sum_{e \in E} c_e x_e \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \sum_{e \in \delta(i)} x_e = 1 \quad \forall i \in V \\ & x_e \in \{0,1\} \quad \forall e \in E \end{aligned}$$

← for every  $i$  we select exactly 1 edge

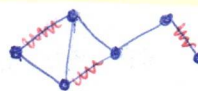
$$\sum_{e \in \delta(S)} x_e \geq 1 \quad \forall S \subset V, |S| \text{ odd}$$

IF  $|S|$  is odd only one node must be not completely included in  $S$ :



Edmond's theorem:

The LP relaxation is an **IDEAL** formulation





D.O. (3)

- The formulations including additional variables are extended formulations.

### UNCAPACITATED LOT-SIZING (ULS)

- $f_t$  fixed cost for production during  $t$
- $p_t$  unit cost for production during  $t$
- $h_t$  unit storage cost in period  $t$
- $d_t$  demand in period  $t$

Goal: determine a production plan (single type of product) for the next  $n$  periods that minimize the total cost (production + storage) while sat. all the demand. Hp: Stock empty at the beginning and at the end

MILP formulation:

$$\min \sum_{t=1}^n p_t x_t + \sum_{t=1}^n h_t s_t + \sum_{t=1}^n f_t y_t$$

$$\text{s.t. } \left. \begin{aligned} s_t &= s_{t-1} + x_t - d_t \\ x_t &\leq M y_t \\ s_0 &= s_n = 0 \\ s_t, x_t &\geq 0 \\ y_t &\in \{0, 1\} \end{aligned} \right\} \forall t$$

$x_t$  = amount produced in  $t$   
 $y_t = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{production in period } t \\ 0 & \end{cases}$   
 $s_t$  = amount in stock at the end of period  $t$

$$M = \sum_{t=1}^n d_t + s_n - s_0 \text{ (for instance)}$$

Since  $s_t = \sum_{i=1}^t x_i + s_0 - \sum_{i=1}^t d_i \Rightarrow s_t$  can be eliminated

MILP extended formulation: (stronger)

the LP relaxation is **IDEAL**

$$\min \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^n c_{it} w_{it} + \sum_{t=1}^n f_t y_t$$

$$\text{s.t. } \sum_{i=1}^t w_{it} = d_t \quad \forall t, 1 \leq t \leq n$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n w_{i, n+1} = 0$$

$$w_{it} \leq d_t y_t \quad i \leq t \quad (\forall)$$

$$w_{it} \geq 0 \quad i \leq t \quad (\forall)$$

$$y_t \in \{0, 1\} \quad \forall t$$

$w_{it}$  = amount produced in  $i$  to satisfy the period  $t$   
 $(1 \leq i \leq t \leq n+1)$

$$y_t = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{production is in period } t \\ 0 & \end{cases}$$

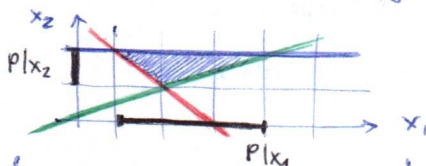
$c_{it} = p_i + h_i + \dots + h_{t-1}$   
 = produce something in  $i$  and take it stored till  $t-1$

- Comparison betw. formulations with different variables: orthogonal projection.

Fourier-Motzkin elimination method:

at each iteration one variable  $x_i$  is eliminated (an equivalent linear system without  $x_i$  is delivered). The process ends when the resulting system contains a single variable.

Ex.  $-x_2 \geq -2$   
 $x_1 + x_2 \geq 3$   
 $-\frac{1}{2}x_1 + x_2 \geq 0$



eliminate  $x_2$ :  $\begin{cases} 3 - x_1 \leq x_2 \\ \frac{1}{2}x_1 \leq x_2 \\ x_2 \leq 2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 3 - x_1 \leq 2 \\ \frac{1}{2}x_1 \leq 2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow 1 \leq x_1 \leq 4$

eliminate  $x_1$ :  $\begin{cases} 3 - x_2 \leq x_1 \\ x_1 \leq 2x_2 \\ x_2 \leq 2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 3 - x_2 \leq 2x_2 \\ x_2 \leq 2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow 1 \leq x_2 \leq 2$

- To strengthen a formulation we look for an extended one (which better approx. conv( $X$ )).

## FIXED CHARGE NETWORK FLOW PROBLEM (FCNF)

- $G = (V, A)$  directed graph
- for each  $(i, j) \in A$ :
  - $f_{ij}$  fixed cost
  - $c_{ij}$  unit cost
  - $u_{ij}$  capacity
- $b_i$  demand  $\forall i \in V$

minimum flow cost problem with fixed costs (for the min cost flow problem we neglect —) The LP relaxation of the min cost flow is IDEAL (TU matrix)

Goal: feasible flow of minimum total cost which sat. demand & constr.

MILP formulation:

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & \sum_{(i,j) \in A} (c_{ij} x_{ij} - f_{ij} y_{ij}) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \sum_{(h,i) \in \delta^-(i)} x_{hi} - \sum_{(i,j) \in \delta^+(i)} x_{ij} = b_i \quad \forall i \in V \\ & 0 \leq x_{ij} \leq u_{ij} y_{ij} \quad \forall (i,j) \in A \\ & y_{ij} \in \{0, 1\} \quad \forall (i,j) \in A \end{aligned}$$

$$(\delta^+(i) = \{(i,j) \in A : j \in V\}, \delta^-(i) = \{(h,i) \in A : h \in V\})$$

$x_{ij}$  = amount of flow through  $(i,j)$   
 $y_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } (i,j) \text{ is used} \\ 0 & \text{if not} \end{cases}$

- Using the concept of TU matrices we can figure out if a formulation is IDEAL for a LP problem (not MILP).

A matrix  $m \times n$  is **TU** if every squared submatrix has determinant  $\in \{-1, 0, +1\}$ .

- $P(\underline{b}) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : Ax = \underline{b}, x \geq 0\} \neq \emptyset$   
 If  $A$  is TU  $\Rightarrow$  all the extreme points of  $P(\underline{b})$  are integers
- $P(\underline{b}) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : Ax \geq \underline{b}, x \geq 0\} \neq \emptyset$   
 If  $A$  is TU  $\Rightarrow$  all the extreme points (vertices) of  $P(\underline{b})$  are integers
- A  $m \times n$  is TU if:

- (sufficient)
1.  $a_{ij} \in \{-1, 0, 1\}$
  2.  $\forall$  column contains at most 2 non-zero coefficients
  3. the rows can be partitioned in two groups such that:  
 for each column  $j$  with 2 non-zero coefficients:  $\sum_{i \in \text{group 1}} a_{ij} - \sum_{i \in \text{group 2}} a_{ij} = 0$
- A  $m \times n$  is TU iff: each subset of the rows can be partitioned into two subsets  $I_1$  and  $I_2$  s.t.  $(\sum_{i \in I_1} a_{ij} - \sum_{i \in I_2} a_{ij}) \in \{0, 1, -1\} \quad \forall \text{ column } j$

## TRANSPORTATION PROBLEM

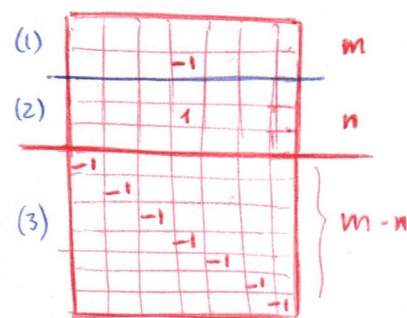
special case of UFL

- single product,  $m$  production plants,  $p_i$  max amount producible in  $i$
- $n$  clients,  $d_j$  demand of client  $j$
- $c_{ij}$  = transportation cost of 1 unit of product from plant  $i$  to client  $j$
- $q_{ij}$  = maximum amount transportable

Goal: transport plan to minimize costs

ILP formulation:

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n c_{ij} x_{ij} \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \sum_{j=1}^n x_{ij} \leq p_i \quad \forall i \quad (1) = -\sum x_{ij} \geq p_i \\ & \sum_{i=1}^m x_{ij} \geq d_j \quad \forall j \quad (2) \\ & x_{ij} \leq q_{ij} \quad \forall i, j \quad (3) = -x_{ij} \geq -q_{ij} \\ & x_{ij} \geq 0 \text{ integer } \forall i, j \\ & x_{ij} = \text{amount of product transported from } i \text{ to } j \end{aligned}$$

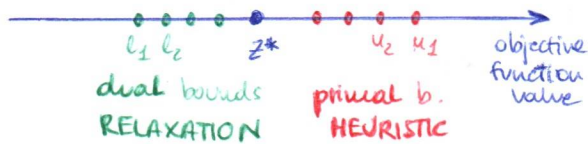


TU  $\Rightarrow$  the LP relax. is IDEAL



# D.O. (4)

- for a generic problem  $z^* = \min \{c(x) : x \in X\}$  we look for primal and dual bounds:



(for a max problem: the dual provides upper bounds, the primal lower bounds)

- $z^* := \min \{c(x) : x \in X\}$ ,  $\tilde{z} := \min \{\tilde{c}(x) : x \in \tilde{X}\}$ .  
 $\tilde{z}$  is a relaxation if  $X \subseteq \tilde{X}$  and  $\tilde{c}(x) \leq c(x) \quad \forall x \in X$ .

## RELAXATIONS:

## MULTI-DIMENSIONAL BINARY KNAPSACK PROBLEM

- $m$  knapsacks of capacity  $W_i$
- $n$  items of weight  $w_j$
- $p_j$  profit of the item  $j$

Goal: fit the knapsacks to maximize the total profit

MLP formulation:

$$\begin{aligned} \max \quad & \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n p_j x_{ij} \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \sum_{j=1}^n w_j x_{ij} \leq W_i \quad \forall i \in \{1, \dots, m\} \\ & \sum_{i=1}^m x_{ij} \leq 1 \quad \forall j \in \{1, \dots, n\} \\ & x_{ij} \in \{0, 1\} \quad \forall i, j \end{aligned}$$

$x_{ij} = 1$  if the  $j$ -th item is inserted in the  $i$ -th pocket

Surrogate relaxation:

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i \sum_{j=1}^n w_j x_{ij} \leq \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i W_i$$

We replace a subset of constraints with their linear combination with multipliers  $\lambda_i \geq 0$ .

Here every item  $j$  has  $m$  copies and can be selected at most one copy.

Every  $\{\lambda_i\}$  creates a different relaxation. Since we want the tightest upper bound we look for:  $\min_{\lambda} z_S(\lambda)$  (surrogate dual) where  $z_S(\lambda)$  is the solution of the surrogate.

Lagrangian relaxation:

$$\max_{u \geq 0} \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n p_j x_{ij} + \sum_{j=1}^n u_j (1 - \sum_{i=1}^m x_{ij})$$

Eliminate the "difficult" constraints and add a penalty term in the obj. funct. (with a multiplier  $u$ ) that penalizes the violation of the constraints.

We had  $1 - \sum_{i=1}^m x_{ij} \geq 0$  and now we added it to the obj. function. We added a penalty term in the obj. function that penalizes the violation of the constraint.

"max  $\rightarrow +$ ", "min  $\rightarrow -$ "

Again,  $\forall u$  we have a relaxation, so:

$$\min_u z_L(u) \quad (\text{Lagrangian dual})$$

By elimination: we eliminate some constraints (very weak).

- "by elimination" is dominated by Lagrangian and surrogate.
- Surrogate dominates the Lagrangian but the Lagrangian dual is easier to solve. (In the Lagrangian we can get rid of the linking constraints, which are the most difficult)
- HEURISTIC: greedy method**  
Construct a feasible solution piece by piece from scratch. At each step we chose the option that generates the best local profit without reconsidering previous steps.
- HEURISTIC: local search method**  
Consider a generic min  $c(x)$  and try to improve iteratively a current feasible solution. Define for any feasible solution  $x$  a neighborhood  $N(x) :=$  subset of nearby feasible solutions. At the next step the solution  $x'$  will be the best solution of the set  $N(x)$ . To avoid local min we can allow moves (in the neighborhood) even with worse obj. function.

- For a generic ILP  $\exists$  an ideal formulation (Mayer's). However it might be difficult to determine  $\Rightarrow$  improve a initial formulation by adding valid inequalities. (A better formulation is a better approximation of  $\text{conv}(X)$ ).
- $\pi^T x \leq \pi_0$  is a valid inequality for  $X$  if  $\pi^T x \leq \pi_0 \quad \forall x \in X$ .  
(It's a valid inequality if it is satisfied by all the points in  $X$ )

CUTTING PLANE METHOD = add valid inequalities only if needed

ILP:  $\min \{c^T x : x \in X = P \cap \mathbb{Z}^n\}$ ,  $P = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : Ax \leq b\}$  LP relaxation.

Given  $x' \in P$  ( $x' \notin X$ ) a cutting plane is an  $\pi^T x \leq \pi_0$  s.t. :

- $\pi^T x \leq \pi_0$  valid for  $X = P \cap \mathbb{Z}^n$
- $\pi^T x' > \pi_0$